



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 23

Tuesday 3 August 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW	Rehearsal in the Casey studio 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Wednesday 18 August	Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5:15pm to 6:45pm
Sunday 22 August	NBCA Winter Concert <i>tickets on sale now!</i>
Saturday 27 November	Very Special Kids Christmas Party – Melbourne Showgrounds
Sunday 19 December	NBCA Christmas Concert

REHEARSALS – We are in the Casey studio again tomorrow! 6:00pm to 7:15pm

The office has reopened during normal office hours and during rehearsals.

****TERM 3 REHEARSALS & WINTER CONCERT****

We are so pleased to be able to rehearse together in the studios again. With current restrictions seriously affecting the Performing Choir's rehearsals, and making combined rehearsals for the training Choirs impossible, it is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be able to present our concert on Sunday 22 August. Additionally, audience numbers are currently limited to 100 people, which is not viable.

We are still determined to give your boys an opportunity to present an outstanding concert worthy of the NBCA, to be as prepared for it as possible, and to reflect the excellent work they have done all year. Staff are therefore currently looking at other options for performance, including the possibility of a pre-recorded concert. The unknowable Covid will need to factor into the mix. A decision will be made within the next few days, and we will inform you of any changes as soon as details are confirmed.

****UPDATE** COVID-19**

- Anyone 12 years and over should wear a mask at Choir unless an exemption applies. Boys can remove them while they are singing.
- The foyer waiting area will remain closed for two weeks, when the situation will be reviewed. The Office will be open once rehearsal has started. Toilets are available as required. QR code log-in is mandatory.
- Boys who have their own mobile phone should **log in with the QR code**. Parents can also log in in their sons before or after drop off, or by using the Kiosk:

<https://www.service.vic.gov.au/business/kiosk-check-in>

We will also be taking electronic attendance. The choir QR code is shown at the end of this Circular

If anyone in your household is sick, or has been to an exposure site, please do not come to choir.

If you have had cause to have a COVID test, isolate until you receive your result.

HOMEWORK

Please continue to practise your pieces with the focus being on memorisation. We will be performing all our music from memory at the Winter Concert.

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Repertoire for our Winter Concert:

- ★ Wadawurrung – All Part 2
- ★ For the Children – All Part 1
- ★ Singabahambayo – All Part 1
- ★ Drunken Sailor (either Part 1 or 2 – see list below)
- ★ Take These Wings (either Part 1 or 2 – see list below)

Other Repertoire & Vocal Warm-up Videos:

- ★ Vocal Warmup Videos (online for you to utilise in practice)
- ★ Sight singing (for in-class use, no track)

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – Saturday 4 September

Can you help out at our fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Nunawading? Please let the office know by email or phone: office@nationalboyschoir.com.au or 9872 4480. A roster will be communicated in due course.

2021 AUDITIONS

The NBCA is conducting auditions for our January 2022 intake on Saturday 14 August and Saturday 4 September.

If you know anybody who might be interested in auditioning, please ask them to visit our website www.nationalboyschoir.com.au or email auditions@nationalboyschoir.com.au

VERY SPECIAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is an annual performance at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds for the Junior Choristers, run by Very Special Kids, a charity for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Please save the date now – Saturday 27 November – times and other details will be published soon.

Find out more about Very Special Kids from their website: <https://www.vsk.org.au/who-we-are>

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Tomorrow's rehearsal in the studio (normal times)
- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Book your [Winter Concert tickets](#) (including complimentary Performer's Ticket)
- ✓ Term 3 fees are now due
- ✓ Can you volunteer for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle?
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](#)
- ✓ Entertainment Memberships now available to [purchase](#)

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Tickets are now on sale for the WINTER CONCERT!

Sunday 22 August at 3:30 pm

George Wood Performing Arts Centre


Yarra Valley Grammar School, Kalinda Road, Ringwood

Adult: \$46 Concession \$38 Child \$25

Junior Choristers will perform at the beginning of the concert and will be sent to sit with their families at interval.

Mandatory! - One 'Performer's Ticket' (complimentary) is available and needed for each Junior chorister, redeemable by using the code **TRAINING21** when placing your ticket order [online](#). Please ensure you book the Performer's Ticket with your booking to ensure your son is seated with you for the second half.

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